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SUBJECT : DESALINATION FACT-FINDING MISSION

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1. DEVELOPMENT MINISTRY SENIOR ENGINEER JAMIL AL-ALAWI WHO ATTENDED CAIRO DESALINATION CONFERENCE TELLS US THAT KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, BAHRAIN, AND ABU DHABI AGREED TO MAKE FULL EXCHANGE OF DESALINATION DATA. MEANWHILE, BAHRAIN CONTINUES TO COLLECT DATA FROM OTHER SOURCES AND HAS SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO CURRENT CONFERENCE IN PUERTO RICO. BAHRAIN HOPES TO HAVE FULL USE OF OUTSIDE DATA AND OPERATIONAL DATA FROM PLANT CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO USE IN PLANNING FOR ADDITIONAL PROJECTS.

2. BAHRAIN STILL NOT INTERESTED IN PACKAGE PROPOSALS; IN FACT, NEXT TENDERS FOR PLANTS WILL BE SENT OUT WITHOUT CONSULTANCY. GOB, WITH USE OF OUTSIDE DATA ESPECIALLY FROM KUWAIT, HOPES TO HAVE ALL NEEDED TECHNICAL EXPERTISE. (NOTE: AL-ALAWI SAID GOB HOPES TO SEND OUT TENDERS FOR TWO 5 MILLION GPD PLANTS, PRESUMABLY MSF, BY END 1975. HE

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NOTED THAT NO U.S. FIRMS PRESENTLY ON LIST. WE WILL KEEP

COMMERCE INFORMED OF GOB PLANS.)

3. ON BALANCE, THEREFORE, WE STILL FEEL THAT PROPOSED MISSION
SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA. GOB WOULD
LIKE TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF TIMING OF MISSION AND MAY MAKE OWN
ARRANGEMENTS TO SEND "OBSERVER" TO SAUDI ARABIA. GOB AND
EMBASSY ALSO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUAL U.S. FIRMS TO CALL IN BAHRAIN.
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